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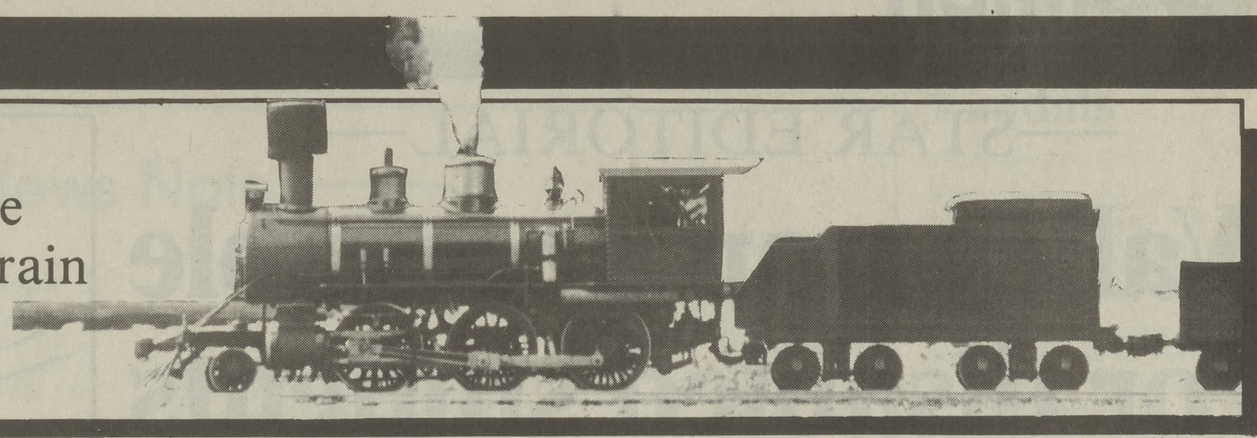

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NEWS BRIEFS

Benefit concert to be held for victims of hurricane

Organizers of *Ayuda*, a benefit concert on Dec. 15 for victims of September's hurricane in Nicaragua, will sell advance tickets next week. The cost is $15 for general admission and $12 for students.

The concert will feature rock bands *Mary's Danish* and *Lock Up*. *Alienz* will play Chicano-flavored rock, and Afro-Cuban jazz will be provided by *Long John and his New Okanise*.

Speakers include Blaise Bonpane, the head of "Office of Americas," who will speak on United States policy toward Latin American countries.

A speaker from El Rescate will discuss the El Salvadorean situation, and Mike Davis from the Christic Institute will speak on the political situtation in Nicaragua.

Office of Americas will give the proceeds from the event to the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington, D.C. The event is expected to raise $10,000.

Singer Jackson Browne may not appear at the event, as flyers had indicated. "He has told us that he wants to," but he cannot find time to rehearse with the band he would be playing with, said Mark Torres, one of 28 students working on *Ayuda*.

Pierce sued: accused of discrimination

Los Angeles Pierce College was sued Monday by Jews for Jesus, an evangelical group that claims the college is violating its First Amendment right to free speech.

The lawsuit claims Jews for Jesus members have been arrested by campus police and seeks a court order to prevent Pierce from requiring a permit before literature can be given away on campus.

District spokesperson Norm Schneider denied there was any attempt to restrict free speech, according to the *Daily News*.

Schneider said the reason all groups must obtain permission before distributing information was so no student is disrupted and that groups hand out material in assigned areas.

Trustee Bronson to appear today

Arthur Bronson, member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District will be on campus at noon today. Bronson will join the Academic Senate in the Faculty Lounge for an informal discussion.

Bronson's visit to Valley College is preceded by visits from other board members, such as Wallace Knox and Julia Wu, who also visited Valley College this year.

LAPD joins fight against campus vandals

By CYNDI OATWAY
Staff Writer

Campus police has currently stepped up their efforts in monitoring vandalism and loitering problems plaguing the Valley College Child Development Center by enlisting the aid of the L.A.P.D.

The child care center, located near Oxnard and Ethel Streets, has been subject to many problems, including graffiti, reckless driving in the surrounding parking lots and loitering by Grant High School students.

According to some parents and staff members of the center, traffic leaving the driveway of Lot D leading onto Ethel Street comes to a standstill due to Grant students who stand or park their cars after school lets out at 3 p.m.

Campus police officer Karl Traber says they have enlisted the assistance of an L.A.P.D. motorcycle officer who will monitor activity in the parking lot. The officer will be issuing tickets when violations occur.

Traber acknowledges it is a big step for the campus police to enlist the aid of the L.A.P.D., but says it needs to be done to eliminate additional problems. "This is, as I see it, just the beginning," he said.

"The campus police patrol the area as often as possible, but Grant students know they can outrun us," said Traber. "What we really need are fences or a gate [to enclose the child development center], but they're expensive."

Staff members of the center and some parents allege it has become a congregation place for Grant students.

In the parking areas surrounding the center, broken glass from beer and whiskey bottles has caused four flat tires. Recently a broken bottle was found in the children's play area.

Many parents and staff members say they have witnessed students from Grant climb over the school's fences and proceed to meet in Valley's parking lot, and they have witnessed drug deals between students around the center buildings and on Ethel Street.

A few weeks ago, at approximately 3 p.m., a bush next to the Ethel

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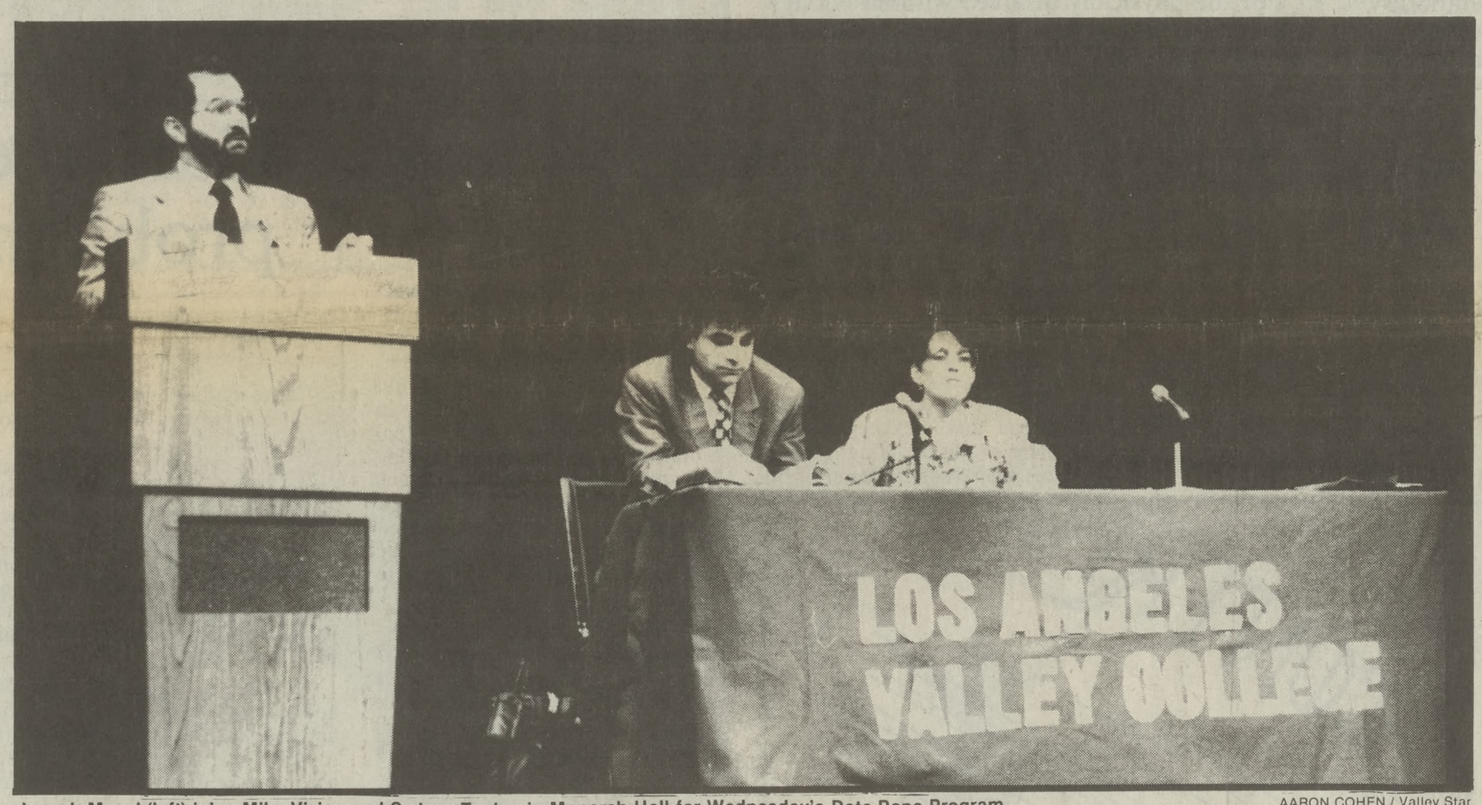

Joseph Megel (left) joins Mike Vivian and Sydney Tucker in Monarch Hall for Wednesday's Date-Rape Program. AARON COHEN / Valley Star

Rape seminar fills auditorium to capacity

By KAREN J. WATERS
Assoc. Sports Editor

If you know more than three women, then chances are you know a victim of a sexual assault.

Date-rape and acquaintance rape were the topics of the Associated Student Union-sponsored seminar held yesterday in Monarch Hall.

Citing "grave perceptual differences" between men's and women's view of what is rape, Valley College Professor of Sociology Mike Vivian said, "If one person forces another,...it is rape."

"Because the same organs are used, people confuse making love and rape," said Vivian.

Joseph Megel from the Los Angeles Commission of Assaults Against Women objected to a stereotyped picture of a rapist. "You can't pick a rapist out of a crowd," he said.

Megel said the average rape lasts four hours and in one half of the cases the victim knows her assailant.

The two-hour program dealt with the tendency to blame the victim and question her judgment. Megel said: "No one deserves to be raped. But we always hear, 'She wanted it. She was being provacative.' We always hear, 'Why was she there [in an area considered unsafe]?' The question is, Why was *he* there?"

Sydney Tucker, assistant director of the Valley Trauma Center, told the audience about the free counseling and other services offered by the Center for victims of violent crimes.

"Our 24-hour hot-line is truly 24 hours," she said. "Never in our year-and-a-half existence has a victim ever had to wait on a call back from a counselor."

The impact of rape on males was addressed by Megel. "Not only are men assault victims, but we deal with women and are affected by their traumas," he said.

One in seven males over the age of 14 in Los Angeles will be sexually assaulted in his lifetime, said Megel, "though this is something men don't want to admit."

Vivian called for the formation of an *ad hoc* safety committee to deal with the threat of rape on Valley's campus. "I hope this is not just a one-shot teach-in," he said.

Women can empower themselves through learning self-defense. "It is some ability to control the situation," said Megel. "It's a shame that rape has affected women to the point where they feel in danger at night."

Inspection of the campus for difficient lighting at night should be done immediatley, said Vivian.

Approximately 400 students inside Monarch Hall auditorium heard the seminar, which was also broadcast in Monarch Square.

Propositions 78, 98 to aid colleges

Valley to share $1.7 million fund

By CATHERINE PHILLIPS
and PAUL HENDRICKS
Staff Writers

The Los Angeles Community College District will receive $1.7 million for instructional equipment thanks to the passage of Proposition 78 in the Nov. 8 election.

This money will be distributed to the nine colleges on the basis of enrollment size, said Larry Serot, budget director for the LACCD.

Each college will spend its share based on where it determines the money is needed, said Serot.

Serot could not say with certainty how much Valley will receive.

Proposition 78 also guarantees $600 million to finance construction of school facilities in the three systems of higher education in California.

Valley will receive no part of the $600 million because as one of the district's "completed colleges," capital construction at Valley is considered low priority, said Mary E. Lee, president of Valley College. "Other colleges needed the money more," said Lee.

Four colleges in the district with previously approved capital construction projects will benefit. Three of the four colleges will be allocated their money during the current fiscal year, said Serot.

Projects that had already been scheduled for completion before the initiative's passage were bumped up on the state's time table.

Soon-to-be-built Mission College will receive $993,000 to furnish classrooms. Architectural drawings

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Put it in writing—

Scientist proposes 'contract' dating

By JERRY SAWINSKI
Staff Writer

In the time it takes to read this article there will have been 10 women raped in the United States, with only one out of 10 being reported.

A controversial solution to the date-rape dilemma has been offered by Roy U. Schenk, a scientist and writer who has developed a "dating contract" to be signed by both parties before they go out on a date.

The contract stipulates that whoever pays for the date has the right to determine whether there will be sexual involvement during or after the date. Once signed, neither party has the right to stop sexual involvement once it has been initiated.

The "contract" met with some incredulity and disgust from both students and speakers.

Dacia Sievertsen, 18, said, "Any girl who would sign this is stupid. Besides, I don't see how it would eliminate rape."

Chris James, 26, said he found it "tasteless" and he would never sign the contract.

Both men and women were in agreement that signing a contract would take the romance out of dating.

While most viewed the contract as a joke, Johanna Gallers, a psychology teacher at CSUN, took it more seriously. "It's dangerous. It gives a sort of pseudo-credence to the notion that rape can somehow be raised to a contractual agreement. Besides, it's still rape."

On campus today:

11 a.m.—

Dudley Foster will perform on the organ in the Music Recital Hall.

11 a.m., 8 p.m.—

The Valley College Lab Theater will present *K2* in the Theater Arts Building

11:30 a.m.—

The Art Gallery will exhibit paintings and ceramics from the Ovsey Gallery.

Noon—

Trustee Arthur Bronson of the Los Angeles Community College District will speak at an informal discussion with the LAVC Faculty Senate in the Faculty Lounge.

—STAR EDITORIAL—

Valley non accessible for disabled students

A screech of brakes. The sound of cars crashing and glass breaking. Silence. In an automobile accident, those who die become statistics, while many of those who live become disabled.

The disabled are the largest and fastest-growing minority in the United States today. Approximately 36 million Americans are presently permanently disabled and confined to a wheelchair. Going from life in the fast lane to life in the slow lane, the disabled are determined to rebuild their lives and continue their education.

With a current enrollment of 400 disabled students, Valley College has one of the largest physically disabled student populations and is still growing, according to Dr. Robert Scott, assistant dean of the Disabled Student Programs and Services.

Although Valley College offers the orthopedic opportunities, for the maneuverable wheelchair student, it lacks one important thing: enough wooden ramps for easy access to all buildings and bungalows.

Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act states that "reasonable accomodation must be made" but a loophole in the laws says bungalows aren't permanent structures. Thus, the law allows buildings to exist without ramps.

Each year, at a cost of $2,000, $1,000 in materials and $1,000 in labor, Valley College ramps one bungalow. Out of 67 "temporary" bungalows, only 23 are accessible to wheelchairs; the majority, 44 bungalows, are inaccessible.

Inaccessible bungalows have created problems for both abled and disabled students. Trying to placate the disabled, Valley College switches classes and bungalows, placing the disabled in the classes and with the teachers of their choice. But switching isn't always possible, and disabled students don't want to wait for next semester.

Moreover, when it rains, the disabled, waiting outside for their transportation, haven't any shelter from the rain. The present and only structure, a kiosk, is slanted for the sun. However, a new wooden roof or plastic tarpaulin can be adapted for rainy weather at little cost.

Ramping is a serious, important process. With a manual wheelchair weighing 25 pounds and a motorized one weighing 100-200 pounds, the width, weight and angle of the ramp must be considered.

The physically disabled must be considered. Ramping one bungalow a year isn't enough. Throwing an arm, jerking a knee, stretching their mouths around unintelligible sounds, their spastic bodies and vibrant minds want to live up to their intellectual potential. Coming to terms with their disability, they are challenging themselves and challenging us.

For the physically disabled without enough ramps, too many college doors are closed; with enough ramps, the world is wide open.

—Letter to *Star*—

Valley's public information officer agrees with editorial

Editor,

I agree with your editorial of Nov 17. Valley College could benefit from a full-time information officer. When your budget allows, I hope that you will once again have one.

While I cannot completely fill this gap, being only half time here, I have received support from many of Valley College's students, instructors and staff members, who have informed me of events and feature material that I have translated into journalese and passed along to the newspapers in the community, including the *Daily News* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

I am heartened by your interest in public relations and in improving communication. If you have special projects that you would like me to work on with you, please feel free to contact me. Maybe together we can make the public information function stronger on your campus.

Ina Geller
Public Information Officer

Contract + dating = prostitution

By SUSAN L. WOOD
Assoc. Opinion Editor

How many people have heard of, or are familiar, Dr. Roy U. Schenk? Schenk is a scientist and author of books such as *We've Been Had* and *The Other Side of the Coin*, which are about men's issues.

Doesn't ring a bell? Well maybe the following information will cause a resounding gong to go off in your head.

According to Schenk, date rape would be eliminated if women assumed equal responsibility with men in regard to initiating and paying for dates, and also for initiating sex.

Schenk has created a "Dating Contract" which, in his opinion, would stop date rape.

In the preamble of the contract he wrote "...there is no expectation that either party will expend significantly more money or effort than the other person without commensurate compensation.

"Since sexual pleasuring is one of the important things that men and women share with each other, this is acknowledged as such a compensation, and this contract is designed to establish a fair agreement...," he wrote.

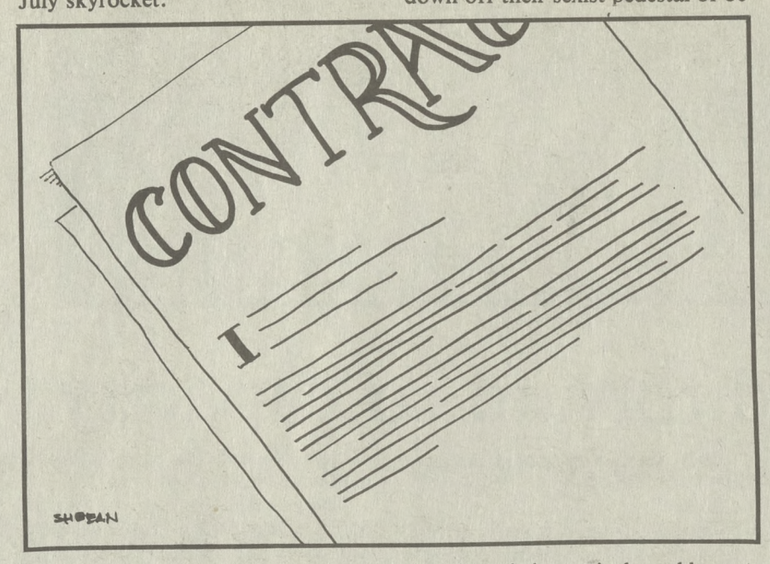
Beneath the preamble are points, some which say each party will pay their own way without sexual pressure from either party, or another which states one party will pay for one date and the next date will be paid by the other person. OK, I can accept those propositions.

But the most alarming are the third and fourth graphs where Schenk wrote, "The man has the right to determine if there will be sexual involvement during or after the date."

Graph four says, "If the woman pays for the date...she has the right to determine if there will be sexual involvement...However, once such involvement is started, the woman agrees that she does not have the right to unilaterally stop."

Beneath the preamble and contract focal points are two lines for the woman and man to sign.

Have alarm bells started ringing yet? Mine went off like a fourth of July skyrocket.



It is difficult for me to comprehend the precise reason this contract exists. The only solution I can think of is Schenk is attempting to justify rape.

Does Dr. Schenk really expect this "Dating Contract" to alleviate or eliminate the date rape problems plaguing society?

For someone who hopes to accomplish this, Schenk's cover letter can be only found contradictory at best.

"Why do women say NO so much, even when they evidently don't really mean it? If women do not wish to proceed to sexual intercourse, they should avoid becoming involved in intense sexual foreplay" are some of his statements in the letter.

I found those mildly irritating, but my blood pressure rose to a dangerous level after reading the following:

"In short, it's time we men begin demanding of women that they give up their control by always being the ones who have the choice to say NO; and instead that they begin doing their share of the initiating, coming down off their sexist pedestal of being above being actively and honestly sexual."

"When a woman expects a man to pay for their dates, she prostitutes herself...And therefore the only fair thing for her is to be an honest prostitute," Schenk wrote.

My mild amusement quickly turned into anger at those remarks. They were offensive not only toward my gender but also for those who have endured the ultimate degradation; sexual assualt.

For Schenk to believe a piece of paper could possibly prevent a sexual assualt is preposterous. Sexual assualts are an act of violence, not acts of uncontrolled passion.

Date rape differs from rape in that the victim knows the assailant, but being familiar with an acquaintance does not qualify a person to physically assault someone.

I have seen a copy of this contract and from his cover letter accompanying it, I came to the conclusion this man is quite serious. He honestly believes this contract would eliminate any misunderstanding in regard to financial and sexual responsibility within a relationship.

In our litigious society, which came about by nature or necessity, it is not surprising a contract such as Schenk's was developed. We already have marital and surrogate contracts.

Schenk has dehumanized the personal relationship between men and women. The basis of his contract has nothing to do with trust, respect or love but is based instead on fear. It is an excuse to "cover one's behind."

In an article from *The Daily Cardinal*, the newspaper of the University of Wisconsin—Madison, Schenk said, "Rape is basically a violent response to the violence women do against men. As long as women do violence against men, men will continue to do violence against women," he said.

Explain that statement, Mr. Schenk, to a 93-year-old woman raped in her home or to a one-year-old baby who is sexually assaulted. Give them a reason to understand why it happened to them and what violence they inflicted upon a person to warrant such a degrading and painful experience.

Date rape and rape go hand-in-hand. They boil down to the same thing: unwanted intercourse.

So will this contract prevent an attack? Will your date stop assaulting you when you start waving the contract he signed earlier in the evening in front of him? I think not.

Schenk's ideas are offensive, demoralizing and dangerous to any society which considers itself civilized.

Garbage disposal problem recycled

By ROBERT P. CHRISTIAN
Staff Writer

I'm as mad as hell. I was born into the calamity of this waste disposal problem, it wasn't born in me. It was born out of the negligence, selfishness and collusion of the powers that be in L.A., big business and cooperative politicians.

I'm proposing a very simple and (I think) fair solution; it is not particularly new; yet, it could pay for itself (possibly make a profit), and handle all refuse.

We have to stop, step back and address the big picture. Proposing and carrying out band-aid measures to solve this complex problem has led us to the disaster we face today.

We already do everything I'm proposing on separate and limited bases; I'm proposing we combine our current refuse pick-up with recycling plants and do away with disposal as we know it.

On a strictly city or county level it may be difficult—it should be statewide (best of all, national), but I can't see our current big-business-boot-licking Governor taking the needed action—nevertheless, somebody, somewhere has to put their foot down.

This refuse problem needs comprehensive [broadminded] attention...now.

Regulate—Control what goes into the trash: Because people only throw away what they buy, we must regulate the materials companies use in manufacturing. The majority of our trash consists of containers, wrappers, newspapers, etc; all these should be made of easily recyclable materials.

Of course, there will be exceptions; but to stop the overflow of trash, it's mere common sense to start by capping the source. Companies should not be permitted to use materials that are not feasibly recyclable and, where possible, should be mandated to use recycled materials...by strict law.

Incorporation—We already have trash pick up service and we already have recycling plants; we should combine the two. Our regular pick up service should bring trash to recycling [process] centers. There materials can be mined and processed for reuse.

A question, by some, of "contamination" of materials mishmashed in refuse heaps, is irrelevant: No known material, except wood, is simply picked off a tree and put to use.

Plastic, paper, metal and glass are all mined and processed before they can be used and disposed-of. Serious [comprehensive] recycling will result in mining, transportation, processing and environmental cost cuts.

Organic materials can be used to produce methane gas, which can help run these facilities, or composts for fertilizers.

Marketing—The recycled materials are then sold to [back to] the various industries, i.e., bottlers, packagers, bag makers, canners, etc., who produce the materials, regardlessly, that we are now choking on.

The revenue would in turn free up tax dollars currently alloted for outmoded disposal (dumping, burning, clean-ups, lawsuits, etc.) Profits (if there are any) could go to education, to ensure a future free of the narrow-minded decisions that led us to this calamity in the first place.

Outlaw waste! Outlaw [mass] materials that can't be easily recycled; use current garbage trucks to take refuse to centers to be mined and processed; sell [recycle] materials back to manufacturers—the system pays for itself.

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Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by Monday for the following Thursday.

Props...

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for a technical building and a gym at Southwest College will cost $247,000.

A vocational-technical building at East Los Angeles College will be drafted by architects at a cost of $112,000.

In the coming fiscal year, blueprints for a gym at West Los Angeles College will be drafted, carrying a pricetag of $197,000.

While building at Valley will not benefit from the $600 million bond issue, administrators have various projects for which funds are sought.

Lee said Valley considers its overriding construction priority to be air conditioning the permanent buildings.

Removing architectural barriers for the handicapped is the second priority. Ramps in the bungalows and easy-open doors are looked upon as better projects by the state and currently receive some funding, said Lee.

A storage area for the theatre arts department and a 20-classroom training facility for the health sciences are next on Valley's list.

Proposition 78 will cost Californians $1 billion; more than $480 million will be paid in interest on the $600 million worth of bonds over the next 20 years.

Another measure that will affect Valley is Proposition 98, which will allocate an additional $215 million to schools and community colleges statewide this fiscal year.

This constitutional amendment requires that $215 million be allocated in order to bring '88-89 budgets to the level received in '86-87 and ensures state funding will never go below that level.

The proposition does not clearly state how money is to be divided between the public school system and the community colleges.

Legislation is required to unravel the uncertainty of Proposition 98, and the *Los Angeles Times* said most schools will not receive money until Spring of '89.

The LACCD is projected to receive four percent of the amount that will be spent on state community colleges, said Lee.

However, "the state may find a way to play a shell game," said Serot. "They may give us money with one hand...while depriving us of other money."

Serot said no one has decided where the money to fund programs of recently-passed AB1725 will come from, and the state may try to use Proposition 98 funds instead of state revenues to pay for the bill's provisions.

Opponents of Proposition 98 say it decreases the governor's flexibility and might take money away from other programs, such as health care, when the $215 million budget increase for the current fiscal year is paid.

Proposition 98 undoes some of the work of 1978 Proposition 13, which drastically reduced school funding, but Sylvia Lubow, professor of history at Valley and vice president of the American Federation of Teachers local guild thinks it will not have as great an impact.

"After all the money from Proposition 98 is divided between all of the schools in California. Valley will receive little extra funding," said Lubow.

News Notes

SLIDE LECTURE

"The Natural Beauties of the Western United States" will be the subject of a slide lecture presented by George Stuart, professor of geography, on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 109 of the math-science building.

This program is part of the college's earth science department fall lecture series, and is free and open to the public.

VALLEY-PIERCE HILLEL

Come celebrate the 6th night of Chanukah with Valley-Pierce Hillel on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. The event is located at the Hillel House, 13162 Burbank boulevard in Van Nuys.

The event is open to young adults between the ages of 18 and 25. There will be latkas, draidels, and singing.

Although there is no charge for the evening, donations will be requested. For more information, call 994-7443.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

UCLA representative Elena Chavez and USC representative Victoria Vestal will meet with students on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Administration Building Lobby.

Chavez will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Vestal will be available from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

FOOD AND GIFT DRIVE

Anyone wishing to bring canned goods for holiday dinner (corn, peas, etc.) or unwrapped gifts for children ages 2-14, can bring these to Valley's student bookstore or to the ASU offices in Monarch Hall. There are donation boxes at both locations.

For more information, contact Cindy Windham at the Campus Center, Room 102 E or call 781-1200, Ext. 361 and leave a message for her.

PLANETARIUM SHOW

"Galaxies—Our Neighbors in Space," the final program in Valley College's fall series of Planetarium lectures, will take place this Friday.

The program will be held at 8 p.m. and will be repeated at 9:15 p.m. in the Planetarium. Admission is $3.50 for adults and $2 for children. Tickets will be available at the door.

After the show, the audience will view the sky through the observatory telescope, weather permitting.

For details, call 781-1200, Ext. 335.

WOMENS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The womens' softball team will hold tryouts on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. for the spring season.

For more information, contact Joanne Waddell in the Women's Gym, 781-1200, Ext. 278.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Valley's music department presents The LAVC Chamber Singers and College Choir in a "Holiday Concert" on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Admission is free.

All students, teachers, faculty, clubs and organizations on and off campus can submit News Notes to Michael Fritch in Bungalow 25, Ext. 275 or leave them in his mailbox in the business-journalism building, Room 114, Ext. 276.

GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Robert G. Mayeur will direct the LAVC Guitar Ensemble this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HAVEN HOUSE

Orientation training for volunteers at Haven House, the Pasadena shelter for battered women and their children, will be held Jan. 14, 15 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

All those interested in volunteering should phone Cindy or Nancy at (213) 681-2626 as soon as possible to arrange for a screening interview before the training.

Students can use volunteer time at Haven House for either undergraduate field placements or for supervised hours towards M.F.C.C. licensing.

ORGAN RECITAL

Dudley Foster will perform in an organ recital today at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

The Amnesty International Club will meet every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 200A of the Campus Center.

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER

The Drug Abuse Prevention Center offers help for those who have a dependancy towards drugs or alcohol.

The center is located in the San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center, located at 14530 Hamlin St. in Van Nuys.

For more information, call 988-8050.

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Dan Klotz: Mon. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
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Vandals...

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Street driveway was set on fire. A gun was also discovered in that same vicinity, and recently a bullet hole was discovered in one of the windows of the center.

Lawrence Merkle, a teacher at the center, says these are not new problems, but ones which have increased over the years.

Merkle, who would often take his classes on walks around the campus now says, "I just don't feel safe doing that anymore."

Parents are worried about their children's safety and are angry the problem hasn't been solved.

Anne McAdam, a parent who utilizes the center, has proposed the idea of a petition. Another mother, Joanna Evans, called the principal of Grant, Robert Collins. She said he told her, in so many words, it wasn't his problem.

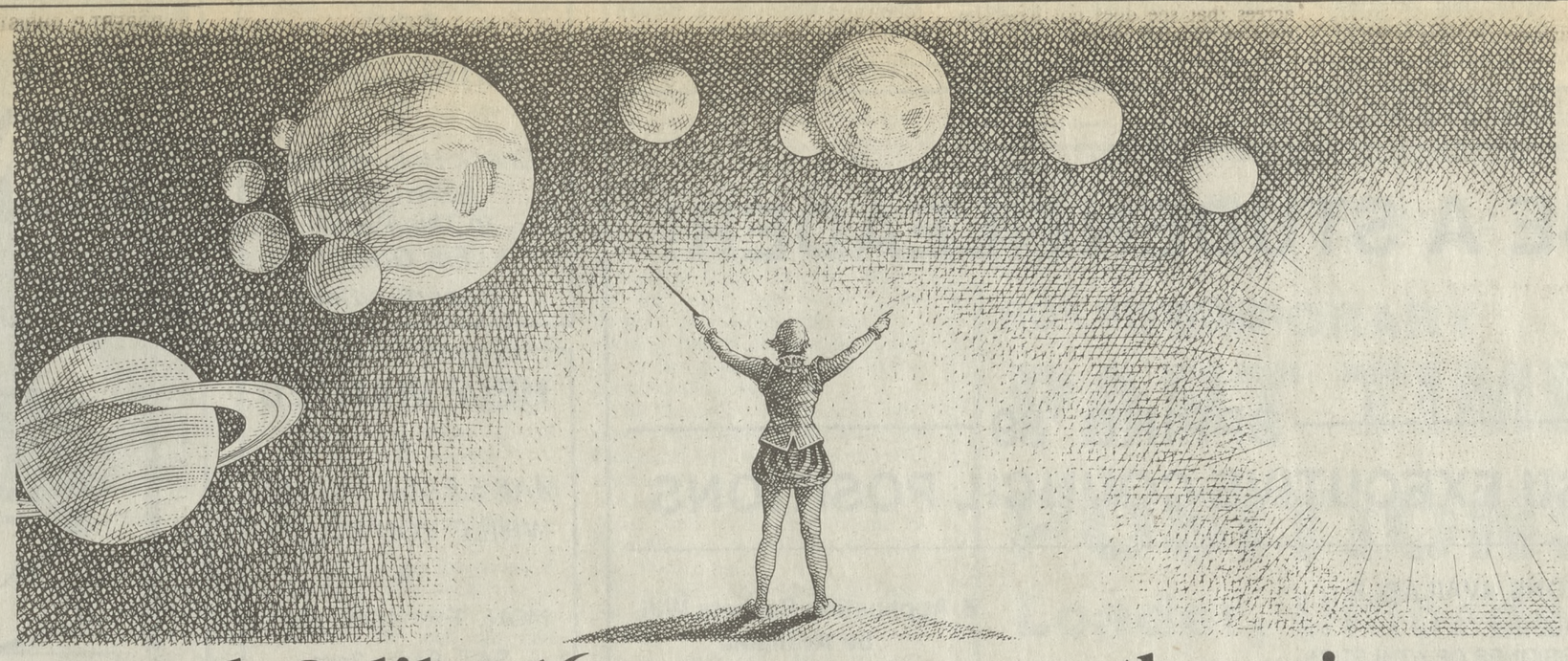
Collins told the *Star* that he recalls his conversation with Evans.

"I asked her several questions and she never answered them," he said. "I asked her, 'When are the students there? Has she contacted the Valley's campus police? Did she contact Mary Lee?' She never responded to those questions."

"I told her I would be pleased to meet with her and the Valley College people but she never called me back. I went over there [the Ethel and Oxnard streets location] but I didn't see any of our students there," said Collins. "We want to cooperate with Valley College, but no one has contacted us."

Dorothy Kaplan, community and student services assistant, said, "It's something we all have to work on to rectify the problem...the campus police, the child care center and the L.A.P.D."

The director of the center, Judy Solomon-Marks, said, "As a new director, I am especially concerned about the safety and welfare of the families and children concerned."



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Harvey delights Valley audiences

By CATHERINE PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

It's O.K. to talk to yourself, but you're in bad shape if you hear a reply.

Harvey, staged by Valley College's theater arts department Nov. 10 to Nov. 19, contradicts that notion.

Elwood P. Dowd, an honest, caring and all-around good guy, converses with an unseen rabbit named Harvey.

The six-foot-tall hare becomes the boon companion of Dowd, who is the most receptive to the pooka, a fairy spirit in animal form.

Harvey's appearance to Dowd is a result of his sincere demeanor, in contrast to the insensitivity and shallowness of those around him.

Dowd's deceased mother told him it was important to be either smart *or* pleasant. His impeccable manners and gentility prove that he took the second half of her advice.

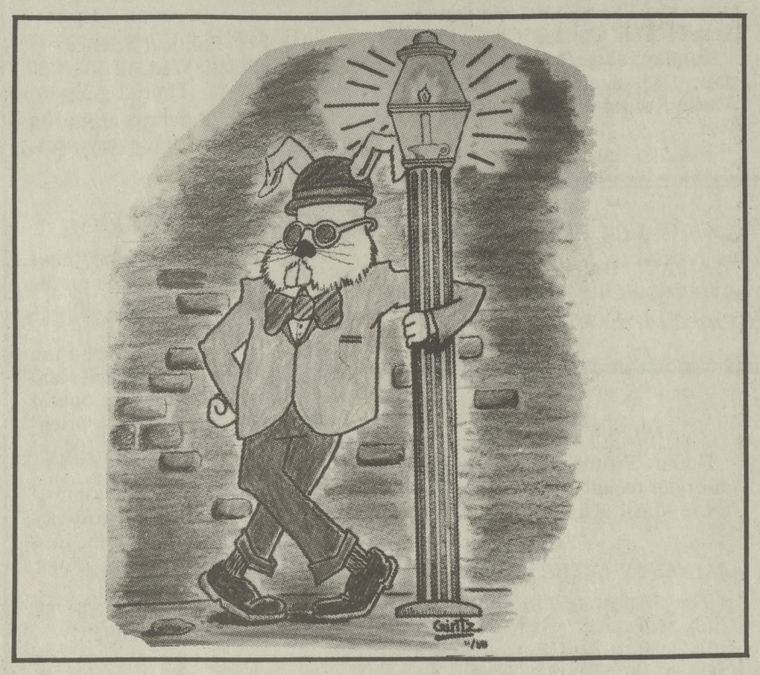
His inability to see through the family's plan to commit him shows he gave up being shrewd a while back.

Michael D. Rourke makes Dowd's sweetness, especially his trademark benign grin, a delight to view. Dowd is jovial and full of boyish wonder, yet earnest and never frivolous.

Answering a phone call from a salesperson, Dowd invites the caller to a party. He insists a cab driver come home to supper. It's no wonder he has many friends, particularly those who frequent bars, until he introduces them to Harvey.

Harvey's presence doesn't bother Dowd in the least. However, it vexes his sister, Veta (Jan Fischer), and his niece, Myrtle Mae (Kristiane Bennett), who try to commit Dowd so Myrtle won't have to hide him from the social circle to which she desperately aspires.

David Kozen gives a brilliant performance as William R. Chumley M.D., a psychiatrist caught between the need to scientifically explain Dowd's hallucination and the objective reality of Harvey's existence.



Chumley's scientific theories crumble when Harvey appears to him. Their rapport grows to the point where Harvey argues with Chumley over payment of a bar tab.

Dowd, who would do anything to spare his sister the slightest inconvenience, agrees to undergo treatment and even admires Veta's ability to commit him in such a whirlwind fashion.

However, it is finally Veta who calls off the treatment when she sees the light, and the point of the play: who is saner, the rat-race drop out or the frenzied, social climbing "normal" people with tacky values?

The set design by Peter Parkin added a nice comedic touch. The interior of the Dowd mansion contained a traditional portrait of Dowd's mother, the matriarch who left her fortune solely to him. Her likeness was later covered by a similar painting of Harvey in a suit with a watch and fob chain.

These roughly-made paintings were able to suggest more than photograph the stately, somewhat decaying, pre-eminence of the Dowd mansion.

Harvey is a morality play that uses a light touch to examine the innocence, goodness and wonder we possess when we are children. These qualities are sadly lost when we grow up.

Harvey makes sure that we don't forget them.

'Tequila Sunrise' blazes

By DEAN HOTTA
Assoc. Entertainment Editor

Nick Frescia has been sworn to uphold the law, but his best friend keeps breaking it frequently with blatant disregard. What's a friend to do?

This is the dilemma faced in *Tequila Sunrise*, the latest film from Warner Bros. and writer-director Robert Towne. Towne returns to the form he displayed in his previous best effort, *Chinatown*.

Tequila Sunrise shares much in common with that movie. It takes place in Los Angeles, with the setting changed from the 1930s to the present day.

Kurt Russell is Frescia, an atypical "good" cop who has been promoted to lieutenant in his division's narcotic bureau. The trouble lies with Dale McKussic (Mel Gibson), a high-school buddy who is also a middleman in the seedy and shadowy world of drug-running.

But McKussic wants out. He has a legitimate business as well, but his attempt to go legit himself is foiled by his loyalty to his friend Carlos, a big-time drug overlord.

Into the fray comes JoAnn Vallenari (Michelle Pfeiffer), a restaurant owner whose establishment is a frequent hangout of McKussic's. Trying to nab Carlos, Frescia and the authorities close around McKussic, and JoAnn becomes a pawn in a deadly chess game.

The web of intrigue gradually envelops the characters, as Towne's highly literate script is brought to life by the stellar cast of Gibson, Pfeiffer and Russell.

Raul Julia and J.T. Walsh also turn in excellent performances. Julia is a commandante of the Mexican federales and Walsh is a blustery and obnoxious intelligence agent.

Kurt Russell (left), Michelle Pfeiffer and Mel Gibson form a dangerous love triangle in Robert Towne's suspense drama *Tequila Sunrise*.

Russell in particular is impressive. Completely breaking away from his early roles in Disney films (remember *The Computer Who Wore Tennis Shoes*?), his character has steel nerves accentuated by a slick hairdo and the best squinty gaze since Clint Eastwood.

Gibson and Pfeiffer are a sexy pair, and Bonnie Timmerman should get a round of applause for her casting abilities. When their characters get together, they ignite the screen with an incendiary passion.

Tequila Sunrise also captures the many facets of Los Angeles. Local viewers will have fun spotting the familiar trendy areas around the Westside, and Conrad L. Hall's cinematography highlights the scenery with alternating shades of hot orange-yellow and the blue-black hues of night.

Some of the arty slow-motion shots are a bit self-conscious and distracting, but this is a fairly minor quibble.

Tequila Sunrise explodes in a sunburst, packing a potent punch like its namesake drink. It should provide a welcome respite from such pre-Christmas season fare as *Ernest Saves Christmas*.

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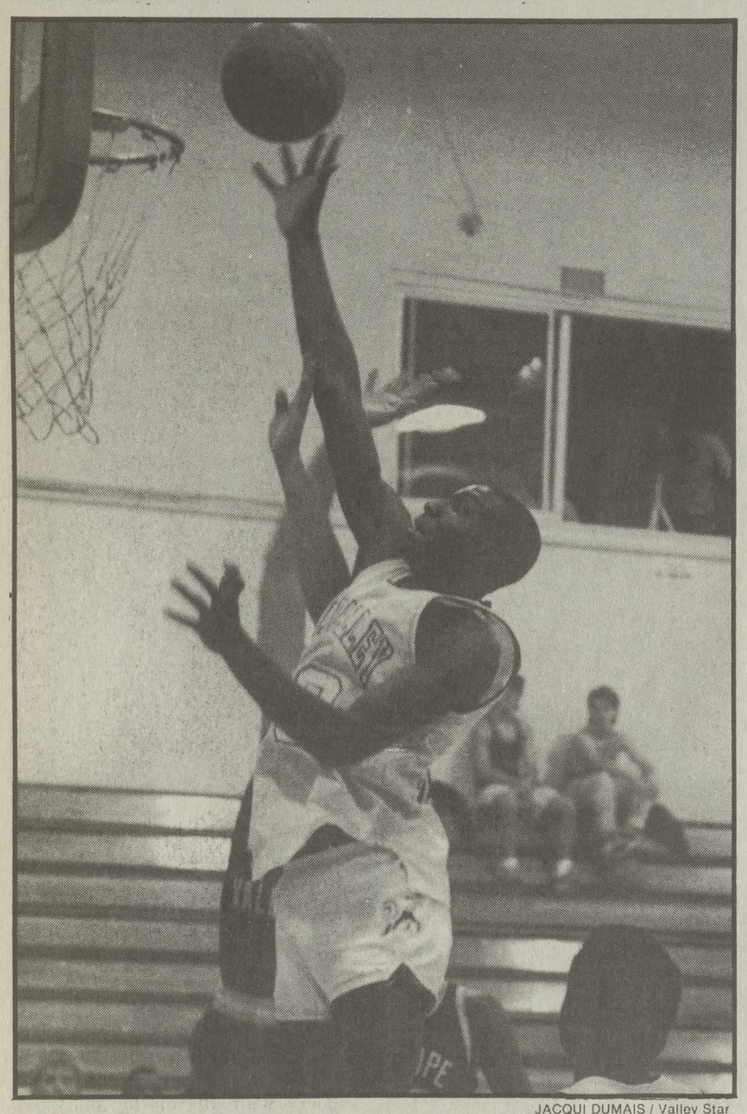


JACQUI DUMAIS / Valley Star
Forward Oral Elrington (#30) attempts to score a basket against Antelope Valley.

Women's:

By KAREN J. WATERS
Assoc. Sports Editor

If the Lady Monarchs (4-2) remembered their 62-59 loss to Cerritos last Tuesday at all, it served to inspire them in their 70-60 win over Mira Costa.

In the Cerritos game, Valley was ahead in the first half 31-20, only to be out-run and out-scored 42-28 in the second.

Valley led 23-21 at the half against visiting Mira Costa and continued to out-score them 47-39 in the second.

Valley's leading scorers were freshman forward Sandrine Rocher with 18 points and sophomore forward/center Shagarro Lattin with 11 points.

Forward Rocher also assisted with eight rebounds.

Last year Valley (28-4) was rated second in the southern California Conference.

"You have to compare each team on a personal level," said Coach Doug Michelson. "Time will tell. This year we have more depth and quality. But, also, we're in a different conference. We're in the Western State Conference now."

Lattin and guard/forward Roxanne Owens are returning sophomores who had Honorable-Mention All-Conference seasons last year.

Team Captain Ruth Aguilar, guard Kim Boldvich and center Marianne Murphy also return this season to bolster a squad of incoming freshmen.

Men's Preconference Basketball Schedule*

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 7	Wed.	Mt. San Antonio	Valley	7:00
Dec. 9	Fri.	Pasadena	Valley	7:00
Dec. 14,15,16,17	Wed.-Sat.	Glendale Tournament	Glendale	8:00
Dec. 19,20,21	Mon.-Wed.	L.A. Valley Tournament	Valley	8:00
Dec. 28,29,30	Wed.-Fri.	College of Desert Tournament	C.O.D.	7:45

*Conference play begins Jan. 4.

Coach: Jim Stephens
Asst. Coach: Dana Pump
League: Western States
87-88 Record: 13-20 overall, 10-4 in division (2nd place).

Women's Preconference Basketball Schedule*

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 2	Fri.	Citrus	Citrus	7:30
Dec. 8-11	Thurs.-Sun.	East Bay Classic	Oakland	TBA
Dec. 16	Fri.	Grossmont	Valley	7:00
Dec. 19,20,21	Mon.-Wed.	Riverside Tournament	Riverside	TBA
Dec. 30	Fri.	Mt. San Antonio	Mt. S.A.	7:30

*Conference play begins Jan. 4.

Coach: Doug Michelson
Trainer: Angelo Cimity
87-88 Record: 28-4 State "Final-Four"

Men's:

By ERIC BARAD
Assoc. Sports Editor

New faces and a new league are in store for the Monarchs' mens basketball team this season.

Last year, Valley was a dismal 13-20 overall but finished second in the Southern California Conference with a 10-4 record.

This season Valley moves to the tougher Western State Conference which features Canyon, Moorpark, Glendale and powerhouses Ventura and Santa Monica which is, according to Monarch Coach Jim Stephens, the number one team in Southern California.

The Monarchs will be without Steve Ward, who averaged 24 points a game last season and Andre Harrel, an expected starter, due to academic ineligibility.

Coach Stephens expects sophomore forwards Oral Elington, who is coming off an All-Conference year, and Gerald Franklin to fill in nicely for Ward and Harrel.

"If they shoot and rebound well, we should do fine," said Stephens.

Along with Eldridge and Franklin, freshmen center Andre Bouvay from Manual Arts, guards Joey Manliguis from Cleveland High and Tony Stephens from San Fernando will start for the Monarchs.

Coach Stephens has a wait-and-see outlook on the season. "We have good enough players [to win]. It's a matter of how bad they want to win."

Blind student fights the odds

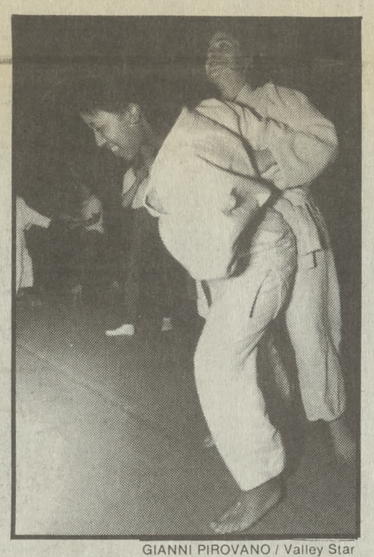
By KAREN J. WATERS
Assoc. Sports Editor

In the nine-year history of Valley College's judo class, hundreds of students have been taught by instructor Gary Honjio. Some have gone on to the Senior Nationals, which is a big step toward qualifying for the Olympic Team.

Honjio first started studying judo when he was 12 years old and began teaching judo here at Valley nine years ago. He continues to enjoy watching the growth of all his students through the martial arts.

One of his current students is brown belt Christina "Tina" Thomas. Thomas has been blind since birth.

"I've had one other student who was blind... sometimes being blind can sort of be an advantage. Blind people know how to feel when the other person is off balance. They know not to depend on their eyes. They know to depend on what they feel," explained Honjio.



GIANNI PIROVANO / Valley Star
Thomas throws classmate Susan Schless

Thomas agrees with Honjio that blindness isn't necessarily a disadvantage. "There are no kicks to see," said Thomas. "Judo is a contact sport—you have to grab."

This shy freshman first started studying judo eight years ago. "When I went to the Brown Institute, a woman named Linda Gibson got me interested," said Thomas. "She teaches at the Encino Club."

The Encino Club is one of the many Valley clubs that are sanctioned by the United States Judo Federation for competition.

Competition is necessary to advance through each *dan* or belt. Thomas is a second-degree brown belt and only needs to successfully compete in two more sanctioned meets to receive her black belt.

Thomas remains modest about her brown belt, which she first set out to achieve when she was 11.

Thomas' commitment to compete show through during her workouts in the Gymnastic Center. "Judo has really helped my confidence in other things. I'll be staying with it a lot of years," said Thomas. "But, it has also gotten me interested in other martial arts. I want to try aikido next."

When she isn't working out in a judo club or swimming, Thomas is busy studying for her degreee in animal science. "I don't really need to become a veterinarian," she said. "I'd be happy just taking care of dogs and cats. I love animals."

Thomas can't understand all the interest in a blind martial artist.

"I'm not treated any differently by the people I compete against," said Thomas. "I've never had to prove myself. Some of the guys don't like being thrown by a woman. But that's the 'male ego' and that's just too bad."

Monarchs' season passes by

By ERIC BARAD
Assoc. Sports Editor

In the football game at Bakersfield College, the Renegades (ranked third in the nation among community colleges) played the Monarchs, a team looking for a major upset to advance to the Western State Conference Bowl.

However, the Monarchs (6-4) would have no such luck as they proved to be just another victim of the Renegades undefeated season (10-0), losing 44-6.

The loss ended the Monarchs season on a sour note, having lost their last two games of the season by embarrassing margins after appearing to be on their way to a post-season bowl.

"We got beat bad," said Monarch coach Chuck Ferrero, "but I will say this, 'our front seven [defense] played their tails off'."

Valley played Bakersfield tough for the first quarter and most of the second until falling apart.

The Monarchs' slide started with about 1:30 left in the half when the Renegades, up just 3-0, scored two touchdowns.

Monarch running back Roman Carter quick-kicked on third and 19 from Valley's 9-yard line to their own 37-yard line.

From there, Bakersfield took control as they immediately scored a touchdown when quarterback Stan Greene connected with receiver Lindzy Collins down the right sideline for a 10-0 lead.

Greene completed 18 of 30 for an outstanding 311 yards and four touchdowns.

The Renegades scored their second touchdown before the half subsequently after Monarch quarterback Todd Studer's pass was intercepted by linebacker Devonne Edwards at the 44-yard line.

Greene then connected with Collins on a 26-yard pass and two plays later with Lionel Sykes for a 5-yard touchdown pass for a 17-0 lead.

The momentum continued for the Renegades in the third quarter. Greene opened the quarter with successive completions of 30, 6, and 40 yards—the latter resulting in another touchdown pass to Collins.

Collins caught six passes for 137 yards and three touchdowns, giving him 13 for the season.

Bakersfield will play Fullerton College, ranked second in the nation, in the Potato Bowl at Bakersfield on Dec. 3.

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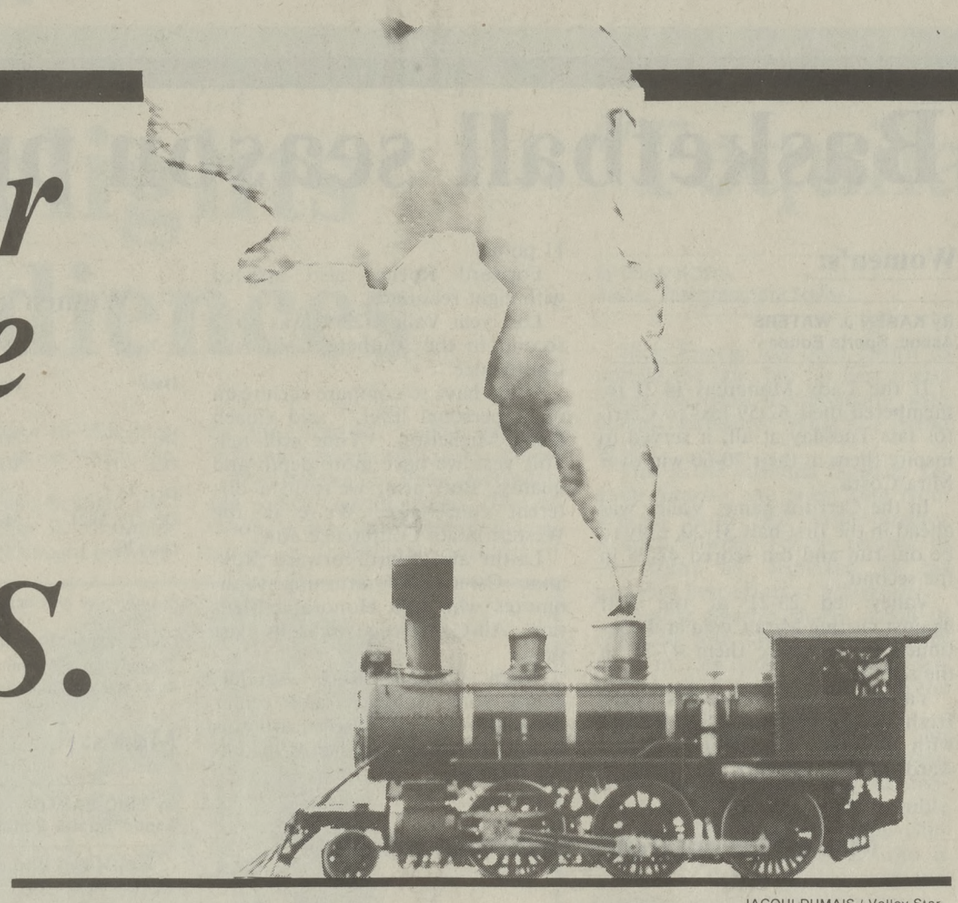

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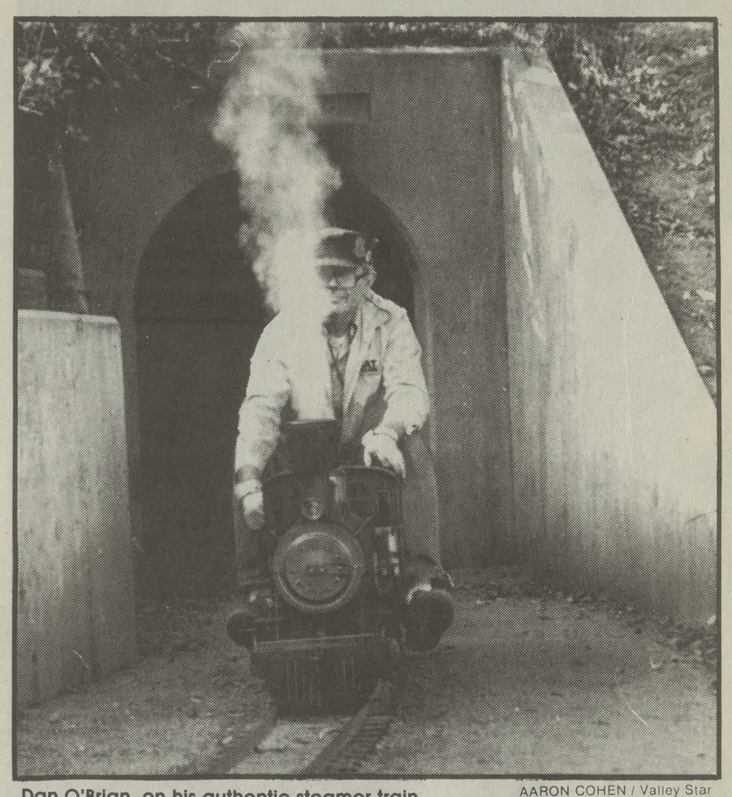

Dan O'Brian on his authentic steamer train. AARON COHEN / Valley Star

Nestled in a little meadow on the edge of Griffith Park, the Los Angeles Live Steamers Club, in conjunction with the San Fernando Valley 4-H Clubs, held its 17th annual Bill Webb Memorial Handicapped Meet on Saturday Nov. 26.

Disabled people of all ages, from two to 60, enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day of miniature train rides, live music, entertainment, refreshments and animal exhibits provided by the 4-H'ers.

Youths from the 4-H Clubs passed out balloons and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrived on a vintage miniature steamer and took rides with the disabled children. They also listened to Christmas wishes and passed out candy canes and lots of hugs.

Working with the 4-H Clubs, the L.A.L.S. Club takes months to prepare a program for people with any type of disability.

Invitations are sent out to all Los Angeles schools and homes for the disabled. Working together, they create a joyous Christmas gift for these children and their families.

"This event is our gift to the city of Los Angeles in appreciation for the use of the land," said Bill Semerau, committee chairman for the Handicapped Meet. "The city has allowed us to use this land, and they supply the water, electricity and park maintenance. This is how we show our gratitude."

In 1956 five or six men joined together to form the beginnings of the L.A.L.S. Club. In early 1957, they elected their first officers and came up with a proposal to the city of Los Angeles. They would build a small loop at their own expense and take people for rides in return for use of the land.

As time went on, the members kept adding more track and started adding small-scale towns and stations to the line.

When the club decided to expand with a large trestle bridge and an extra 800 feet of track, they requested permission to use more land. The city was quick to give permission, provided the club did the construction to city standards. Also, the tunnels had to be strong enough for fire trucks to use fire roads above them.

The members then built three tunnels of concrete pipe and a miniature mountain to hold it all in place.

Next, they built the one-eighth scale trestle bridge, fashioned after the largest one in the country.

By adding trees and foliage, they created lovely lanes and miniature mountains for the track to run through.

By building small towns and deserted mining camps, they created a small trip through time to the days when trains were the way people traveled.

The city treats the club with gentle benign neglect. The city's requirements are simple—the children of Los Angeles are treated to free rides on Sunday. However, the club has never set a cut-off age for the end of childhood.

The club must have insurance to protect the city from lawsuits. When its previous insurance company cancelled, the city helped find a carrrier which insured only small train operations across the country.

Club members own all their own trains and equipment and pay for rails and scenery as it is added.

The L.A.L.S. Club continues to add track and trains much to the joy of the children of Los Angeles, whether they be six or 60.

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Engineer John and a trainload of kids wait to pull out of the station.

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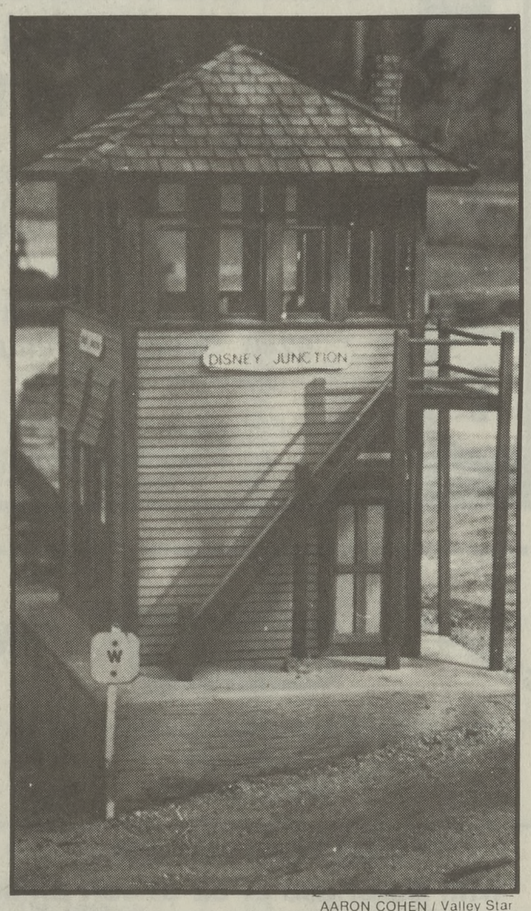
Carl Eppich and Clarence Talbott check the remote for the cattle car that moos.



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Perfect miniatures.

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Brakeman Bill Coleman ensures the safety of several handicapped people.

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